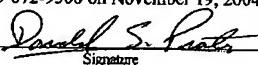


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2004, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before November 23, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.